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Torrance, California
March 25, 1952

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, March 25, 1952, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11th and the adjourned regular meeting of March 19th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Request from Sister Richard, Principal of Nativity School, for use of the Auditorium on May 2nd for school program in honor of Father McGuinness' Silver Jubilee. That date being taken, Councilman Karlow moved the request be granted for some other available date acceptable to the school. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from South Bay Humane Society requesting the adoption of an ordinance to prohibit the coloring of chickens, ducks and rabbits for Easter sale. Councilman Karlow moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney for his recommendation as to type of ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from St. Paul Mercury Indemnity Co. requesting exoneration of its Franchise Bond No. 14238 issued to Richfield Oil Corp. as a superseding bond has been filed. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

Request from Gertrude O. Bailey for proportionate refund on 1952 business license due to departure from the State. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Request from Harold D. Walsh for the establishment of a license fee for "Stock Auction". Councilman Karlow moved the communication be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion of the proper ordinance. Mayor Haggard suggested the City Attorney present such an ordinance amendment at the agenda meeting. Motion so amended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter of appreciation from Torrance Rod and Gun Club for use of McMaster Park Recreation Building for its meetings. Matter of record.

Letter from Division of Highways advising an investigation will be made on the City's suggestion of a divided highway with left-turn pocket lanes on 101 Highway. Matter of record. It was reported that Mr. Stevens was to meet with Mr. Cessna this week.

Request for damages in the sum of \$100 from Roy Hall, Box 284, WALTERIA, for grain field and pasture damage due to wash from the school which covered several acres with sand. Councilman Blount moved the letter be submitted to the insurance carrier with a strong recommendation that it be considered favorably. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Alter Realty transmitting offer from Julius R. Schwartz to purchase certain City-owned lots for \$3,200.00. The offer being rather detailed, Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney for clarification. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from John Miller, Richard E. Miller and H. B. Bolas accepting \$15,000 for the proposed fire station site at Crenshaw and Carson was again read. Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record as the matter was covered in the written recommendations of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick advising the Planning Commission recommended approval of Tract Map 17920, subject to certain conditions. City Manager Stevens asked that action be withheld pending a solution of the drainage problem.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the salary of the City Attorney be increased by the amount of \$50 per month, as compensation for the great increase in the amount of legal work to be performed in connection with the formation of Municipal Water District No. 3 and the handling of the bond issue therefor. Said increase in compensation to be paid by the Water Districts.
2. That the contract with the Recreation Director be amended to include the cost-of-living increase granted other City employees.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

1. Two-way STOP on:
 - (a) Paseo de Gracia at Camino del Campo.
 - (b) Eldorado Street at Cota Avenue.
2. NO PARKING AT ANY TIME on east side of Torrance Blvd. from Border Avenue to Bow Street.
3. ONE HOUR PARKING on El Prado and Post Avenues from Carson Street to Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Recommendation from the City Manager that the site recommended by the Board of Fire Underwriters, namely the southwest corner of Carson Street and Crenshaw Blvd., be purchased for the sum of \$15,000. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REGULATING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR WATER CONNECTIONS, METER SERVICES, WATER RATES, DEPOSITS, DELINQUENCIES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2254. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 587

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 523 BY ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING FIVE-STEP SALARY RANGE PLAN THEREFOR.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 587 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

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ORDINANCE NO. 588

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 249 AND A PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 478, AMENDING SECTION 17 OF ORDINANCE NO. 249.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 588 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 589

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR WATER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING BONDS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 589 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 590

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 590 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 591

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 523 BY MAKING A SALARY CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 591 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 592

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 227.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Drale. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 592 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those

ORDINANCE NO. 593

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS RELATIVE TO WELLS, CISTERNS, HOLES, SUMPS AND OTHER EXCAVATIONS OF A HAZARDOUS NATURE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN DRALE. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 593 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN DRALE. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 594 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised the State Jr. Chamber of Commerce is to hold its State Convention in Los Angeles next month and that the local group would like to have a full page add in the program advertising the City of Torrance, and that they would need \$150.00. He stated the Sr. Chamber had pledged \$75 and recommended the City pledge the other \$75. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount inquired of the City Attorney as to when the Resolution addressed to the Governor would be ready and he was assured it would be completed for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Haggard moved that the City Manager, through the Engineering Department, make a survey of the cost of putting in sidewalks on main arteries where traffic is heavy and children are forced to walk in the mud and in the streets. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. W. E. Kilgrove, of Earl Street, asked if something couldn't be done about the water draining from the Truman Browne subdivision down onto their properties. City Manager Stevens replied that Mr. Browne had not diverted any water -- that water naturally runs down hill. He advised the interested residents that permission had been obtained from the property owner to the south to pump the flood waters onto his property, but it was impossible to tell how much water that property would absorb.

Mrs. J. W. Simmons, of Ocean View, asked if something couldn't be done about filling in the deep holes in the street and she was advised they would be taken care of and that when weather permitted the street would be resurfaced.

There being no further business, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

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At 8:37 p.m., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Karlow, meeting adjourned to April 9, 1952, at 7:00 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE